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## Long Beach Man Sentenced to Life for Several Sexual Assaults

A man convicted of sexually assaulting more than a dozen women was sentenced today to 30 years to life in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Joel Wallenstein imposed the sentence on Ferdinand Ervin Flowers, 36, of Long Beach who pleaded no contest on Sept. 17, 2018 to two felony counts each of forcible oral copulation and assault with intent to commit forcible oral copulation.

Deputy District Attorney Frank Dunnick said the defendant also admitted using a handgun and agreed to be held responsible for restitution on all the 13 victims named in case TA145170.

Flowers targeted sex workers in Los Angeles from Jan. 30, 2014 to Jan. 12, 2018. The defendant often used a handgun to rob the victims, take them to an unincorporated area of Carson near Compton and sexually assault them, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Los Angeles Police Departments.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.